

The Round House Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we start the new academic year, we would like to inform you about the curriculum we follow in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

The EYFS is guided by a framework called 'Development Matters' that sets out the learning, development and assessment requirements for all children until the end of their Reception year. All early year's practitioners are required to pursue daily activities to support each child's educational development across the seven areas of learning. This guidance has been reviewed and the goals for the end of Reception year have been updated.

At The Round House Primary Academy, we are always keen to be at the forefront of any changes in education and we are excited to be an 'early adopter' school before the statutory implementation in September 2021. The reforms bring about some exciting changes, but our philosophy of early year's education remains the same with play and wellbeing at the centre of everything we do.

In the final term of the year, a profile will be completed for your child. This provides parents, carers and practitioners with a well-rounded picture of a child's knowledge, understanding and abilities, their attainment against expected levels and also their readiness for Year 1. Throughout their year in Reception, the children will be observed and assessed through their play in order to gain insights and make reasonable judgements against the early learning goals. We will use the terms 'emerging' or 'expected' to describe our judgements.

What does this mean for my child?

Nothing will change for your child. We will continue to develop the whole child, thinking about how they learn and who they are as individuals.

What does this mean for parents/carers?

Nothing will change for parents/carers. We will continue to support you to the best of our ability and value your opinions and knowledge of your child. We will use Tapestry to record your child's learning journey and welcome you to add observations of your child at home.

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What does this mean for Early Years teachers?

Our teachers have studied the changes and new guidance closely and are quickly becoming experts in what is expected of your child. We have worked hard to baseline your children and will discuss this with you during parents evening.

We hope that this letter has provided you with the relevant information regarding the early adopter year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EYFS team by sending an e-mail to the school office.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Pritchard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'V' at the beginning.

Mrs V Pritchard

EYFS Lead

On behalf of The Round House Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)